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**NEWSLETTER of the PIKES PEAK GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER**


# Pride Center Shines in a Rainbow of Colors

**From Gary Renville,**
**President PPGLCC Board of Directors**

519 Pikes Peak Avenue--we ran the address and the photograph from last month again so that no one is left out of the loop--your PRIDE Center has moved to a new location. Our telephone number remains the same (719) 471-4GAY and our website is still accessible at www.ppglcc.org. Our current hours of operation are from Tuesday-Saturday, 1:00-5:00pm with many evening programs scheduled as well.

Some may still not know and so again I point out that Christy Pitts has resigned her position as our Executive Director to persue other endeavors and we wish her well. Many changes have been happening in the last month and a half--the work has been hard but rewarding and has involved many, many people.

Your PRIDE Center is now fully staffed by volunteers. Led by the Board of Directors, community members are showing up in great numbers to staff the Center, to answer phones, publish Community Vision, organize activity and support groups, arrange our library space, greet visitors and much, much more.

***We count on your invovlement to keep our doors open and the community has come through in a rainbow of colors.***

All of the work has brought our community closer together. We consistantly hear from our membership how welcoming the new PRIDE Center is. We hear that the location serves our community in a much better way and we see many of you taking ownership in the who, what, where, when and why of the organization.

It is the "why" that I was recently asked about when a volunteer asked, "Gary, why do we (the PRIDE Center) do the things we do?" The question really asked if we were relevant to the GLBT population. My answer came after only a few moments of thought. We continue to be a presence and force in this community for those that are struggling with the process of coming out. We continue to be a presence and force for those whom do not have a safe place to openly talk about their sexuality. We continue to be a presence and force so that hatred becomes a thing of the past. We continue to be a presence and force so that our GLBT brothers and sisters, closeted or open, will no longer fear violence, hatred or death. We continue to be here for you and it is for all the above reasons why you too should be involved in your PRIDE Center.

So how can you show your support of the PRIDE Center? There are many avenues. A persons time and talents are invaluable resources and we could use your help in many of the areas I have already mentioned. If your someone who likes to be up front and in charge of a project we have a job for you. If you would rather work behind the scenes, then we have work that is just as meaningful to be accomplished.

You know where to find us, how to reach us and when we are available, please let us know the same about you.

Making Gifts and donations to the PRIDE Center is yet another way to become involved. Some members choose to give monthly gifts to the Center and have funds taken directly from their checking accounts and sent to our PO Box on a predetermined date. Others prefer to make a one-time gift each year. Whichever method best serves your needs, know that your donations go directly to the support of YOUR Center.

Donations are needed for the monthly rent on our current space-- $600 per month.

Donations are needed for the production of this newsletter with each issue distributed to over 2,000 people -- $450 per month

Donations are needed for the utilities and monthly phone service--$150 per month.

Donations are needed for the use of copy paper, stamps, pencils, and other office supplies---$100 per month.

Donations are needed to supply our hard working volunteers with simple snacks and refreshments as a small token of our appreciation during their work time--$25 per month.

Through your time, efforts, talents and monetary resources, we will be able to keep this Center open for at least another 30 years. Our history and legacy in this region is impressive, and with your help our history and legacy and impact will continue to grow in ways yet to be imagined.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming house warming (Jan. 18), at our upcoming membership round table (Jan. 23), and at our upcoming "Second Annual Crystal Ball" (February 9).

On a personal note, thank you to our Board, and to members and volunteers like Ryan, Aimee, Marty, Linda, Kelly, Stacy, Tom, Ed, Jeff, Le, Jim, John and Brian--and many others not named, you are appreciated!

For more information on how you can become involved and donate to the Center, please call us at (719) 471-4GAY (471-4429). Happy New Year!

**Please Join Us For**
**The Second Annual Crystal Ball**
**(PPGLCC Dinner and NetCoRe Awards)**
**Double Tree Hotel World Arena**
**Saturday, February 9, 2002**

With Keynote Speaker
The Honorable, Mrs. **Mary Lou Makepeace**
Mayor, Colorado Springs

Dinner, Dancing, Silent Auction.

$50 per person
Call 471-4429, to reserve your seat.
Or Email: mail@ppglcc.org

## MEMBERSHIP ROUND TABLE

Wednesday, January 23rd
7PM @ the Pride Center

**It's your Pride Center, let your voice be heard.**

*Hear reports from the board and commitees
*Give Input on the activities and direction of the Pride Center
*Become Involved!

All are welcome

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Volunteers are always needed at the Pride Center. We have opportunities available no matter how much time you can commit.

Please call 471-4429 to sign up.

All memberships are for one year. If you know that your membership has expired, please renew using the coupon below. Thank you for your support.

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Colorado Springs, CO 80905

# Thanks to all of our volunteers

Pictured clockwise from lower left:
Marty Pebler
Aimee Liotino
Linda Devocelle

**A Very Special Thank You**
By: Ryan Acker

As the PPGLCC changes and grows, we realize how incredibly important it is to thank the people who make a difference. From the small 'hellos' to the big donation, every deed plays a role in creating positive changes for the PPGLCC and the LGBT community-at-large.

This month we would like to extend our thanks to each and every volunteer who has played a role in our transition, and who has been helping to shape our future.

Now having said that, we would like to take this opportunity to highlight three great volunteers for the month of January. First on our list, we have Aimee Liotino who has graciously taken charge of the Community Vision newsletter. we thank Aimee for her Community Vision wizardry and her new found love of committees! She is really getting a taste for the Center, and let us not forget to mention that she is funny, and has cool clothes...

Next on our list, we have Linda Devocelle the Library Queen. We thank Linda for her past volunteer help, and now for her love of books and knowledge of organizing them. This Linda really knows her stuff! But, don't be fooled by her librarian motif, you can tell this one librarian who likes to make a little ruckus of her own...

And finally this month, we would like to thank Marty Pebler for having his newly uncloseted hands in everything! From organizing at the Pride Center, and his gracious donations including a microwave, trashcans, and so much more, to trying to hang the pictures in what he thinks are the perfect spots (you know men), we are glad that Marty has locked the closet on his way out.

And finally, a very special thanks goes to all of you who have called or stopped by with an interest in the volunteering for the Center We hope to see **you** soon!

**The PPGLCC cordially invites you to join us in celebrating our new pad.**

## HOUSE WARMING

**JANUARY 18TH, 6PM**
**AT THE PRIDE CENTER**
***ALL ARE WELCOME**

**GREAT FOOD**
**PROVIDED BY:**
***BREADHEADS**
***SPICE OF LIFE**
***GERTRUDES**
***CRAVINGS**

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**GREATLY APPRECIATED**

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in
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The year 2002 is going to be our time - for creating change - for building a vibrant community - for lifting our voices - for celebrating our families....won't you join us?

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Thank you for your support!

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If you would like to set up monthly automatic withdrawals, please call our office 719-471-4429.

**PPGLCC Membership**

- ☐ $10
- ☐ $25
- ☐ $50
- ☐ $75
- ☐ $100
- ☐ Other Amount _____

All members will receive a one year subscription to the Community Vision. All donations over $100 receive a free polo shirt.

WE NEED YOU!
CALL TODAY!

471-4429

PIKES PEAK SUMMIT MASTERS

Join us for a Play Party
Jan 11, 8pm
in the basement of the Hide & Seek

For information
summitmasters@aol.com
www.summitmasters.com
President, Russell

A Leather, Levi, Uniform Organization

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## Library Open

The Library is open for business!!!
by Linda L. Devocelle
(Confirmed bibliophile and PPGLCC Librarian)

What do Christopher Isherwood, Andre Gide, Armistead Maupin, Gordon Merrick, Katherine V. Forrest, Ellen Hart, Colette, and Karin Kallmaker all have in common- besides the fact that most of them won't pass a "spell check" on your computer? They all write exceptional fiction. They all write in a genre we pine for and admire. And they are all members in residence on the bookshelves of the PPGLCC library.

When last inventoried, the PPGLCC library had over 1,000 books, a collection the likes of which, I might add, you won't find anywhere else in Colorado Springs. Much of the credit for this exceptional collection goes to our former librarian, and admitted bibliophile, Jackie Byers, who spent many hours hawking donated books and ferreting out the newest treatises on GLBT lifestyles and adaptations. Under Jackie's fine tutelage, we can brag an eclectic set of works ranging from GLBT history and mystery, to romance, biography, sexuality, relationships, homophobia and discrimination, religion, families, youth, and feminism.

The library is open whenever the Pride Center is open. Book check out is simple and on the honor system. All we ask in consideration is that you return your books on the date promised, and, that while in your possession, you care for them as if they were your own.

The Pride Center library also takes book donations and we want to thank each and every person who has done so in the past. But, since our library is beginning to grow faster than our space, we have a few new rules. Please donate only those books suitable for GLBT readership. Also, we can no longer accept books whose timeliness has passed, unless they are bona fide classics. If it seems outdated to you, then it probably is. We are particularly interested in new or very recent fiction and non-fiction (and classic works by known authors), books for children with gay parents, books for gay youth, and books that deal with the GLBT community in history, the arts, and the political arena. We also accept monetary donations to the library, and, if you have a penchant for a particular author or topic, ask that your donation go toward that personal preference.

The Book Broker and Hooked on Books are just two of several excellent ways to recycle the books we can't take and you don't know what else to do with. Be forewarned, however, that most used booksellers tance.

If you have any questions about the library, you can reach me at kinnercanary@aol.com.
As an aside, the worldwide GLBT community has many fine writers, poets, photojournalists, and artists. Their works are often buried or non-existent in traditional bookstores, and few, if any ever enjoy the recognition and praise they so richly deserve. We are their audience. We are their livelihood. Read a good book. Read a gay author. Promote gay authors and artists. Our legacy is what we make it!

# ORGANIZATIONS & MORE

**ACLU - Colorado Springs Chapter** . . . . . 475-2529

**Adoption Alliance**
30 E. Rio Grande, CSC 80903 . . . . . 636-9140

**All Souls Unitarian Church**

730 North Tejon Street, CSC 80903. . . . . 633-7717

**Bacchus Wine Tasting** 2nd Friday . . . . . 576-3465

**Bijou Bar & Grill**

2510 E. Bijou. . . . . 473-5718

**Christ Chapel of Southern Colorado**
711 W. Arroyo, Pueblo . . . . . 719-547-1409

**Community Council for Adolescent Dev.**

125 N. Parkside, CSC 80909 . . . . . 328-1056

**Citizens Chamber**

121 E. Pikes Peak, Suite 459, CSC 80903 . . . . . 471-8824

**Citizens Project**,

P.O. Box 2085, CSC 80901. . . . . 520-9899

**Colorado Gay Rodeo Association** (CGRA)

P.O. Box 15504 CSC 8093. . . . . 576--CGRA

**Colorado Progressive Coalition**. . . . . (303) 866-0908

**Dignity** (LGBT Catholics & friends),

P.O. Box 1172, CSC 80901,. . . . . 685-5343

**El Paso County Department of Health**

301 S. Union. . . . . 578-3199

**Freethinkers of Colorado Spirngs**

PO Box 62946, CSC 80962. . . . . 535-0320

www.freethinkerscs.com

**Fusion!** (HIV intervention & social group for men),

S-CAP Office . . . . . 578-9092

**G&L Sierrans**, c/o Sierra Club,

1410 Grant St., Ste B-205, Denver, CO 80203

**Gay & Lesbian National Hotline** . . . . . 888-415-3022

**Gender Identity Center**
Denver . . . . . 303-202-6466

**Gill Foundation**,

8 South Nevada Ave., #303, CSC 80903, . . . . . 473-4455

**Hide & Seek Bar**, Summit Street, Manstop, Branding Iron,

512 W. Colo., . . . . . 634-9303

**High Plains Unitarian Church**,

1714 Brookwood Drive, CSC 80918, . . . . . 260-1080

**Inside/Out Youth Support Group**,

121 Pikes Peak Ave . . . . . 328-1056

**Integrity** . . . . . 5751

**Log Cabin Republicans**,

1012 14th St. N.W. #703, Wash., DC 20005. (202) 347-5306

**Lutheran's Concerned**. . . . . 574-6051

**NetCoRe** (Network Community Resource, business owners & allies) .. . . . . 471-4429

**Outfront Youth Support Group**

151 Central Main, Pueblo, CO 81003,. . . . . (719) 583-4311

**PFLAG** Colorado Springs,

P.O. Box 10076, CSC 80932, . . . . . 575-8658

**PFLAG** Pueblo,

P.O. Box 4484, Pueblo, CO 81003, . . . . . (719) 542-6359

**Pikes Peak Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Alliance (Pikes Peak Community College)**. . . . . ppglbta@hotmail.com

**Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Ctr** (PPGLCC),

519 W Pikes Peak Ave . . . . . 471-4429

**Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission**

235 E. Fountain Blvd., CSC 80903, . . . . . 632-6189

**Pikes Peak Metropolitan Comm. Church** (MCC)

1102 S. 21st St. Colo Springs, CO 80904 . . . . . 634-3771

**Pueblo After 2**,

P.O. Box 1602, Pueblo, CO 81002, . . . . . (719) 564-4004

**Pueblo Metropolitan Comm. Church**

. . . . . (719) 543-6460

**SCIRTS**, S. Colo. IntraRegional Transgendered Society

. . . . . 591-5860

**Southern Colorado AIDS Project** (S-CAP)
1301 South 8th Street, CSC 80906. . . . . 578-9092
P.O. Box 3277, Pueblo, CO 81006, . . . . . (719) 561-2616

**Stonewall Democrats**, Demo. HQ,
25 N. Iowa CSC 80909 . . . . . 473-8713

**Summit Masters** (levi/leather group),
P.O. Box 60485, CSC 80960
0485. . . . . .540-0332

## Queer Tidbits

**Bakersfield Californian, December 14, 2001**
**Letter: Davis gained votes**

Gov. Gray Davis recently signed legislation, AB 25, that will let committed gay and lesbian couples be treated as "married spouses" in a wide range of legal and social matters. Now committed same-sex couples who have been together for 20 or more years can have a very small fraction of the same benefits that are awarded to opposite-sex couples who have been married five minutes. Such couples now can use the title "Domestic Partners." They still cannot use the term "married."

Before I go further, I must say I don't hate bigots, just the acts they perform, which are not normal.

In California, voters stated that marriage is between a man and a woman by passing Proposition 22. Before that vote, proponents of Proposition 22 widely acclaimed that they were not opposed to same-sex couples having equal rights, they just didn't want them to be able to lay claim to the title of "marriage."

Now the promoters of Proposition 22, are changing their story and saying they really didn't intend for same-sex couples to have equal rights at all, and that the governor should not have signed the pro-family AB 25.

Fortunately, Davis was able to see past the hate speech and bigoted propaganda that almost word for word quoted anti-civil rights language in the 1960s against legalization of marriage between individuals of different racial backgrounds.

The governor will soon face re-election, and he has gained many votes by signing AB 25. Remember his actions at election time next year.

- MONA TWOCATS, Bakersfield

Letter: Davis undermines voters (November 30, 2001)

Gov. Gray Davis recently signed legislation, AB 25, that will let homosexuals be treated as "married spouses" in a wide range of legal and social matters. He does not understand that a "family" consists of a man and wife and children, if any.

Men and women were created to produce children. This cannot be done by homosexuals. Before I go further, I must say I don't hate homosexuals, just the acts they perform, which are not normal.

We in California voted that marriage is between a man and a woman by passing Proposition 22. Now the promoters of AB 25, which the governor signed, have dodged the word marriage that was included in Proposition 22 and have now called gay couples married spouses.

The governor will soon face re-election, and he has lost many votesby signing AB 25. Remember his actions at election time next year.

**- JOHN BRANNER, Bakersfield**

# LOVE MATTERS:

## Forty Secrets For a Happy Relationship

by Linda Sutton

**QUESTION: What's the secret to your successful twenty-year relationship with Maureen?**

**Suspicious**

**ANSWER:**

1. Availability
2. Awareness
3. Hard Work
4. Commitment
5. Compassion
6. Connection
7. Therapy
8. Consciousness
9. Lots of therapy
10. Courage
11. Devotion
12. Lots of hard work
13. Faith
14. Fidelity
15. Generosity
16. Therapy
17. Gentleness
18. Lots of hard work
19. Humility
20. Humor
21. Kindness
22. Love
23. Magic
24. Therapy and Hard Work
25. Mercy
26. Open-heartedness
27. Passion
28. Passion
29. Passion
30. Lots of hard work
31. Patience
32. Surrender
33. Therapy
34. Tenderness
35. Therapy
36. Truth
37. Truth
38. Vulnerability
39. Willingness
40. Therapy and hard work

**Speaking of hard work and therapy, there's a Love Matters retreat for lesbian couples on Saturday January 19th-for couples in all phases of their relationships. For more information, call Linda at 632-0465.**

**In the meantime, don't ever forget, your love matters.**

**This column was excerpted from Linda Sutton's book, LOVE MATTERS: A Book of Lesbian Romance and Relationships (Harrington Park Press). Linda is a writer and psychotherapist in Colorado Springs. For more information concerning individual, couples or group therapy, call Linda at 632-0465.**

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

**SUNDAY:**

- **Dignity Brunch** 2nd Sun., Colorado Grill, 11:30 a.m., 685-5343
- **Pueblo MCC,** Christ Congregational, 5:00 p.m. (719) 543-6460
- **MCC Service** 1102 S. 21st Street 9am & 10:30 a.m., 634-3771
- **PFlag Pueblo,** 2nd Sun., (719) 542-6359
- **Bowling,** Peak Bowling Center, 6:30pm 260-5987
- **Lambda Report,** Ch. 12/32 KBDI, 11p.m., Christ Chapel of Southern Colorado 10am, 711 W. Arroyo (719) 547-1409

**MONDAY:**

- **PPGLCC General Board Meeting** 2nd Monday, The Pride Cent 5:30p.m 471-4429
- **NetCoRe Mixer,** 3rd Mon., location varies, 5:00-7p.m., 474-7674
- **CGRA potluck/meeting,** 1st Mon., Branding Iron (H&S), 6 p.m., 635-9011
- **Pro-Choice Coalition,** 3rd Mon., CC, 6:30 p.m. 570-1153
- **FUSION! POP** (planning party), 1st Mon., 1301 S. 8th, 6:30 p.m., 578-9092
- **MCC Fellowship Live Care Group,** 7:00 p.m. 634-3771
- **Pueblo After 2,** 1st Mon., Main Library, Pueblo, 7:00 p.m., (719) 564-4004
- **Gay AA,** Anthony Annex, All Souls Unitarian, 8:00 p.m., 573-5020

**TUESDAY:**

- **S-CAP Client Services Meeting,** \ 2nd Mon. every other month, 1-2 p.m., 578-9092
- **S-CAP Client Services Potluck,** 1st Tues, 12 noon 578-9092
- **Transgendered Support Group,** 591-5860
- **FUSION!** Sip 'n Sup, 2nd Tues., 6:30 p.m., 578-9092
- **Brothers of Dorothy** A group for men who love men, Pride Center, 7:00. 471-4GAY
- **MCC Fellowship Live Care Group,** 7:00 p.m., 634-3771
- **Live & Let Live** (GLBT AA Pueblo), 7:00 p.m., (719) 546-1173
- **Free pool** 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Hide & Seek

**WEDNESDAY:**

- **Inside/Out Youth Group,** 5:30 p.m., 328-1056
- **Inside/Out Youth Group Recreation,** 2nd & 4th Wed, 6:30 p.m.
- **This Way Out,** KRCC, 91.5 FM, 6:30p.m., sponsored by PPGLCC
- **PFlag Colo. Spgs.** 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m. 575-8658
- **S-CAP Board Meeting,** 3rd Wed., 6:30 p.m. 578-9092
- **Summit Masters** 3rd Wed 7pm Hide & Seek 540-0332
- **Freethinkers** of CS, 4th Wednesday, All Souls Unitarian Church, 7pm 535-0320

**THURSDAY:**

- **MCC Fellowship Live Care Group,** 7:00 p.m. 634-3771
- **Take Ten w/ Mayor Makepeace,** 2nd Thu., 5-7 p.m., Call 385-5453 after 3 p.m.
- **Marriage Transitions,** 1st & 3rd Thu., 638-0004

**FRIDAY:**

- **FUSION! Game Night/Potluck** at member's house, 3rd Fri., 7:00 p.m., 578-9092
- **Gay AA,** Anthony Annex, All Souls Unitarian, 8:00 p.m., 573-5020
- **Gay Friendly AA,** MCC, 6:00 pm 573-5020
- **Bacchus Wine Tasting,** 2nd Friday, $12, 576-3465

**SATURDAY:**

- **Adopt-A-Highway-** 2nd Sat., Hwy. 24 near Cascade, 471-4GAY
- **Mass for GLBT Comm.-** 1st Sat., Sacred Heart, 7:00 p.m., 685-5343 Members of Dignity Southern Colorado will be there to welcome you.
- **ALSO Potluck,** 3rd Sat., All Souls Annex, 5:30 p.m., 685-4773
- **Women's Social Group** 1st & 3rd Sat., 471-4GAY
- **Gay Themed Movies,** 4th Sat. (also see Tues), **FUSION!** @ All Souls Unitarian, 7:00 p.m.

**DAILY**

- **"Hightower Report"** (Jim Hightower), KKCS, 1460 AM, 7:23 a.m.


# Peace & Happiness From Our Family To Yours

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**LUNCH:** Monday - Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. **DINNER:** Tuesday - Sunday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.


## PRIDE CENTER WISH LIST

- YOUR TIME
- YOUR COMMITMENT
- YOUR INVOLVEMENT
- YOUR ATTENDANCE

## January Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, January 2nd -Social Justice Committee Mtg.** 7:30pm at the Pride Center

**Saturday, January 5th - Coffee Den** - 9pm

**Monday, January 7th - Exec. Committee Meeting** - 5:30pm at the Pride Center

**Tuesday, January 8th- Brothers of Dorothy**- 7pm at the Pride Center

**Monday, January 14th- Board Meeting-** 5:30pm at the Pride Center

**Tuesday, January 15th- Brothers of Dorothy**- 7pm at the Pride Center

**Wednesday, January 16th- Mental Health Counseling**-12-2pm at the Pride Center

**Thursday, January 17th- Netcore**-To Be Determined

**Friday, January 18th- House Warming**- 6-8:3pm at the Pride Center

**Saturday, January 19th**- Coffee Den

**Monday, January 21st- Out Volunteer Committee Mtg.**- 7:30pm at the Pride Center

**Tuesday, January 22nd- Brothers of Dorothy**- 7pm

**Wednesday, January 23rd- Membership Round Table**- 7pm at the Pride Center.

**Friday, January 25th- Movie Night**- 8-11pm at the Pride Center.

**Monday, January 28th- Free HIV Testing**-5:30pm at the Pride Center

**Tuesday, January 29th- Brothers of Dorothy**- 7pm

**Thursday, January 31st- Mental Health Counseling**- 5-7pm

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
**The Southern Colorado AIDS Project**
**Executive Director**

The Board invites resumes from individuals with a record of demonstrated success in board development, fundraising, financial management, strategic planning, staff management/development, marketing and public relations. A Bachelors Degree in business, human services, or related field is required and at least 5 years proven professional experience. An MBA or CFRE is a desired plus.

The Southern Colorado AIDS Project provides services and support to more than 350 individuals living with HIV/AIDS in a 24-county region of southern Colorado with offices in Alamosa, Colorado Springs and Pueblo. Additionally, the Southern Colorado AIDS Project reaches more than 10,000 individuals with its prevention programs and education outreach. In addition to the Executive Director, there are 12 full-time employees and 5 contractual/part-time employees.

For a comprehensive position description, call 1-800-241-5468 or visit www.s-cap.org. Interested candidates' resume must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January, 28, 2002. Please send to:

Ms. Valerie Fogg
Chair, Executive Director Search Committee
Southern Colorado AIDS Project
1301 South Eighth Street, Suite 200
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Fax: 719-578-8690
E-mail to: vfogg@s-cap.org

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**
**Title III Project Coordinator**

Southern Colorado AIDS Project seeks FT Ryan White Title III Project Coordinator, based in Pueblo. Some travel required. Will conduct medical needs assessment for persons living with HIV/AIDS; create plan for improved service delivery for S-CAP clients; oversee all proposed planning activities associated with Title III grant process. Requires: Bachelors in social work/community dev./health care. Exceptional oral & written communication skills, Office 00 proficiency, strong organizational skills. HIV/AIDS knowledge a plus. Salary range 32-35K. Please send resume to: 1301 S. 8th St. #200 80906 or fax 719-578-8690. S-CAP values cultural diversity—PLWH/A, POC, GLBT and differently-abled are encouraged to apply. EOE

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## PPGLCC offers new womens organization

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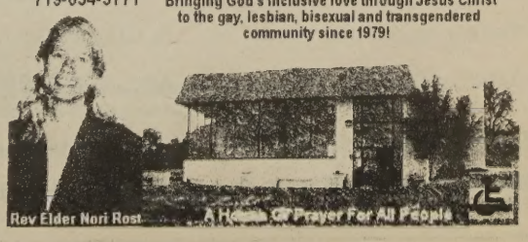

# queer's eye view by frank whitworth

**Interesting Factoid**

.05% of hate crimes based on sexual orientation are committed against heterosexual people. 99.95% of hate crimes based on sexual orientation are committed against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people.

I don't think I need to comment further on the implications of these statistics.

**Miami-Dade**

Well, here we go again. In the seventies our lady of the Moral Majority, Anita Bryant, led a battle that rejected gay inclusion in a human relations ordinance. This was the kickoff of the several years of Moral Majority insanity that gripped the nation under the leadership of Jerry Falwell. Fresh from his lost battle to maintain segregation in the United States, Jerry easily transferred his hate rhetoric to gays, where he has since stayed. Of course, in each of these campaigns he used the Bible to justify his position.

This week a repeal of gay inclusion in Miami-Dade's protections for Gays and Lesbians was approved to go to a voter referendum despite documented proof that the local "Far Right Fundies" used deceitful and fraudulent tactics in collection of signatures on the petitions.

Anita Bryant won't likely be important this time around. Her career lurched into a downhill slide post-Moral Majority (she had been the spokesperson for Florida orange juice) and, today, she is relegated to performing at revivals. Her husband during the era of the Moral Majority most likely won't be there--at least not on the side of the Moral Majority. As Anita's career slid downhill, he slid into the arms of a man, I am told. Perhaps he will join the forces of justice this time around.

We can count on Jerry, though. He surely will not stay clear. There may be a buck or two to be pimped out of the campaign.

**Civil Liberties Under Attack**

I spoke in the last issue of an attack on civil liberties that appears to be being coordinated between the White House, conservative Republican camps and the "religious right." They are attempting to personalize the attacks by going after specific civil liberty organizations, especially the American Civil Liberties Union, of which I am a card-carrying member as well as member of the local chapter Board.

It should come as no surprise that these three elements would want to undermine organizations that work diligently to protect the liberties and rights of all American. Afterall, it is such elements that preached their extremism and intolerances for most of the 19th and 20th Centuries and which continue now, with the help of some of the official stances of the Bush administration, into the 21st century.

It is also not surprising that Attorney General John Ashcroft would be the point person both for the "religious right" and the administration in these attacks. It is, afterall, most likely why he was appointed.

These people are scary and their goals are evil. They would obliterate the Separation of Church and State, they would limit Free Speech and Free Press, they would eliminate Search and Seizure protections, they would trounce on Attorney/Client Privileges, etc., they would restrict the Right to Civil Trials, all in the name of 9/11 and Bin Laden.

There are signs that the "Far Right" is having an effect. The most recent occurred in Sacramento, CA, when the Publisher of the prestigious Sacramento Bee, addressing a university graduation ceremony, was booed off stage for questioning the need and suggesting the danger of so severely limiting civil liberties.

Often in the urgency of a specific situation we are urged by reactionary elements to make rash and unsound decisions in the name of our own safety. We have to consider the question asked by a U. S. Senator during a recent debate on the subject of Civil Liberties. Perhaps, he said, (I paraphrase) we would be made a little safer by limiting civil liberties but would we really want to live in the resulting society.

## "Funny Money"

**Letter**

Last month I told you of a campaign to drop messages to the Salvation Army in regards to their about face on Domestic Partnership benefits. The Indianapolis Star staff chose to editorialize on the subject. I responded:

**Dear Editor:**

In your editorial addressing the subject of "Funny Money" you hold to scorn the decision by some Gays and Lesbians and their supporters to drop so-called "Funny Money" in Salvation Army kettles this Christmas as a protest to their policy on "Domestic Partner Benefits." I, personally, have chosen not to "drop" any money in protest.

You narrowly attack Gays and Lesbians for being insensitive to the season. You do not report the insensitivity of James Dobson of Focus on the Family who, on hearing of the Salvation Army policy that allowed such benefits on a region by region basis (the Western Region having chosen to adopt the policy), sent out a clarion call for his millions of radio listeners to contact the Salvation Army in protest, a great many of whom threatened to drop their financial support. Numerous other "religious wrong" groups followed suit.

Under financial pressure from the "Right" the Salvation Army caved in. Having done what was right--the Christian thing to do--they were convinced by the 'Wrongful Right' to reverse themselves, doing wrong to their Gay and Lesbian employees.

The issue became a public issue when Dobson went on the attack. He made the Salvation Army a target. Focus on the Family remains the largest promoter of intolerance and discrimination of Gays and Lesbians in America and, yes, around the world. Dobson is the voice of that intolerance. If we do not challenge Dobson each time he launches a new attempt to segregate and demonize us, we indeed make ourselves vulnerable to the axiom born out of the Holocaust, "Silence equals Death."

**City Council**

Recently, an acquaintance who has worked on a high level with the City told me that the current City Council is at least as much divisive-if not more so-than the City Council as organized under Mayor Bob. She laments that it is almost impossible for the City to operate effectively under the turmoil created.

This shouldn't surprise anyone. Four members of the current council were anointed and supported in their election by Mayor Bob and probably take marching orders from him. A fifth, lusting after the Mayor's seat, will play any side that gives him the best advantage.

**Doug Dean--"If you allow this to happen, we could lose control of Congress."**

We had several years of a very productive council under the leadership of Mayor Makepeace, supported by Linda Noyes, Jim Null, Linda Barley, Richard Skorman and, sometimes, Ted Eastburn and Lionel Rivera. Instead of dissension, we had productive discussion and enactment of initiatives beneficial to the entire city.

The last election we elected three "naysayers" to Council. I use this word advisedly because it is what Mayor Bob said to describe obstructionists during his last years as mayor. They can often sway two other members of council to go their way, often causing severe obstruction of thoughtful and productive deliberations by this body.

To these obstructionist members of Council I say, "The people are watching" and, unless you change your ways, likely your days are numbered, at least to the terms you were elected to last year.

And since I am speaking of the Council, I would also like to point out that the Council is paid about six thousand a year and the mayor just a little more. This has become a full time job as the city has grown. Council members sit on council, a number of boards and meet constantly with constituents. Certainly, they spend much more than forty hours a week in their position.

At the same time, County Commissioners, who in El Paso County are among the most worthless of all elected officials, are paid over $60,000 a year. The position is a political plumb guarded strongly by the local Republican establishment. The county commission listens not to the people but, rather to the far right of the Republican Party and to developers in all of their deliberation.

The low pay of Council members eliminates the possibility of low and middle income people from being able to run and serve. They cannot afford to give up the time from paid employment to serve if elected. It is time this city grew up and decided to pay its elected legislative a fair compensation. It would benefit us all.

**Redistricting**

Republican forces in Colorado Springs and across the state are fully up in arms over a proposals to realign the State House and Congressional Districts. They cry that the proposals are unfairly political and meant to favor the state's Democrats. They even challenge the method of making the proposals as unconstitutional even thought it was they that wrote the rules and used them so well to gerrymander districts in 1991 to disenfranchise vast numbers of Democratic voters.

The State Senate has proposed redistricting that would still favor Republicans on both levels in deference to their numerical majority in the state. It also would help to guarantee a Democrat or two could get elected in the heretofore Republican-safe El Paso County.

The Democratically-controlled State Senate in fact, was most fair in its proposal, not seeking to rope in all districts but, rather, to make districts more competitive. This was not attempted by the Republican-controlled Senate of 1991, when two Democratic districts in Colorado Springs were changed so as to eliminate the possibility of electing Democrats.

On the Congressional level, the proposed redistricting would split Colorado Springs, giving two Congressmen to Southern Colorado instead of one. The split is drawn approximately at Constitution Blvd, with the southern portion being joined with Pueblo.

A branch of the Republican Party, the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, has stepped to the front of the opponents of this plan, saying that to split the city would hurt our influence on the military, so important to the area. All Republican locally and across the State echo this sentiment.

That was not always so. Early on, several local legislators endorsed splitting the City between two Congressional districts. That is until the National Republican Party caught wind of it and sent down a message through Doug Dean--"If you allow this to happen, we could lose control of Congress." Dean then instructed local renegades that they must disregard what is good for the area and think about the national interest.

What a bunch of hokum. How could having two congressmen, rather than one, hurt our representation in Washington? Certainly, each would have the interest of the area at heart and would work for the common good. In fact, it occurs to me that having one of each party would increase our voice, not limit it.

The real question here is fair representation. The Republican's are making it a control issue.

**One Last Note**

In the last issue I lamented the passing of the Pride Center. Some, who do not know the history of the Pride Center, misinterpreted this to be an attack on the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center. It certainly was not!!

The Pride Center was born of many organizations. It was called the Pride Center rather than the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Center to signify that fact. The PPGLCC was an important part of the Pride Center.

My sadness was that the community could not stay together enough to maintain the Pride Center (not the building, the concept) and that through the years the member groups drifted away. I liked the unity forced on us by Amendment 2 and would have liked to see it continue.

It has not. The concept under which the Pride Center was founded is gone. In fact, it has been gone for several year. Times, too, have changed.

PPGLCC has done a great job on its own. And now, with its move, it has launched itself on a new and productive journey. The move was necessary. Vacating one building for another was not the key in my lament. Nor should individuals be the important factor. The organization goes on regardless of who leads it.

I believe that the PPGLCC is led today by a committed and insightful board and I support it fully. They are working to make great things happen and deserve the full support of the community.

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